

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1302 - SB 1024

March 30, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an interstate compact to establish a mechanism for states to elect the President and Vice President by a national popular vote. In states that become a member of this compact by enacting legislation, there will be a statewide popular election for President and Vice President in the first presidential election cycle that occurs after the compact takes effect. The agreement would take effect when states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes enact the agreement. The agreement would govern the appointment of presidential electors in each member state in any year in which the compact is, on July 20, in effect in states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes. Any member state's withdrawal, if occurring six months or less before the end of a President's term, would not be effective until a President or Vice President has been qualified to serve the next term. This agreement shall terminate if the electoral college is abolished.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This estimate is based on the assumption that the popular election for the presidential candidate will be held with the regular November election.
- Adding one question to the ballot will be not significant to local government and can be handled within existing budgets.
- Any impact to state government due to the enactment of the agreement will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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